

SENATE BILL 2140

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 6 and Title 49, relative to local education
agencies that sue the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

The attorney general and reporter shall be awarded reasonable costs and
expenses attributable to defending the state in any lawsuit in which a local education
agency is named as a plaintiff and the state is the prevailing party, including, but not
limited to, reasonable attorney fees and litigation expenses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and
shall apply to all lawsuits filed on or after that date.